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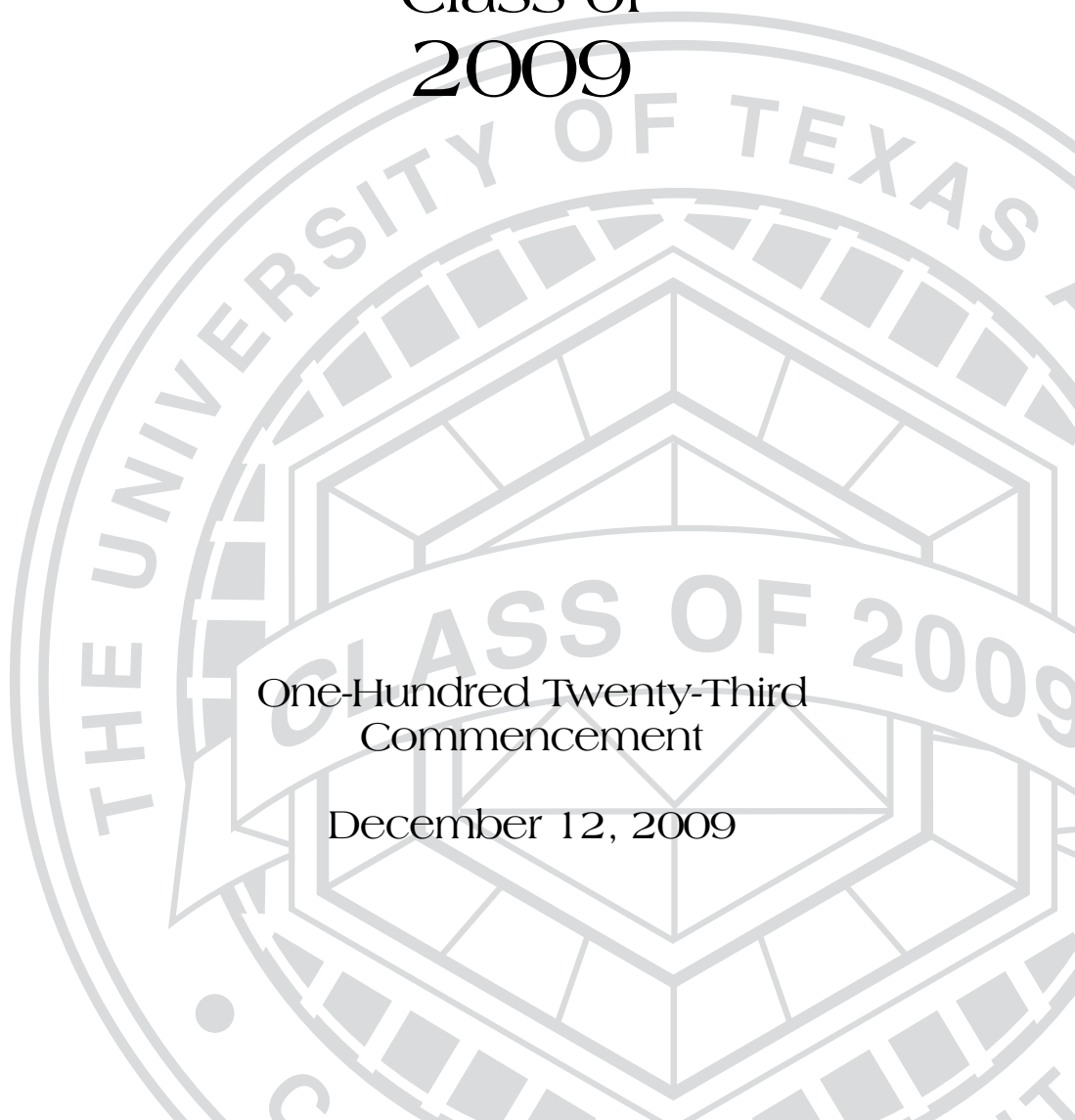
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PROGRAM

Morning Ceremony 9 a.m.

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Diana Natalicio
President of the University, Presiding

Concert	The University Symphony Orchestra Ronald A. Hufstader, Conducting Professor, Music
Academic Procession	James C. Warren, Grand Marshal Professor, Music
National Anthem	The Audience and The University <i>The Star Spangled Banner (Key)</i> Symphony Orchestra
Welcome and Introductions	Diana Natalicio, President
Presentation of Graduates and Candidates' Names	Richard Jarvis, Provost
Conferral of Degrees	Diana Natalicio, President
The College of Liberal Arts	Howard Daudistel, Dean
The University College	Dennis Soden, Dean
The Graduate School	Patricia Witherspoon, Dean
Announcement of Graduates and Candidates' Names	Elena Izquierdo Associate Professor, Teacher Education Yvonne Carranza, Coordinator Recruitment and Advising, Liberal Arts
University Faculty Marshals of Students	James H. Holcomb Associate Professor Economics and Finance Irasema Coronado Associate Professor, Political Science Christian A. Meissner Associate Professor, Psychology

Recessional

Graduates will recess through the center aisle and out the south tunnel of the Don Haskins Center. Family members may meet their graduate in Lot P-11. Refer to the diagram on page 7 of the program.

ORDER OF ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Morning Ceremony 9 a.m.

James C. Warren
Grand Marshal of the University

Belem G. Lopez
The University Banner

Diane Arms
Graduate School Banner

Arturo C. Gomez
University College Banner

Yanawi Beatris Quinones
Liberal Arts Banner

Diana Natalicio
President

Richard Jarvis
Provost

Richard Padilla
Vice President for Student Affairs

Patricia Witherspoon
Dean of the Graduate School

John Wiebe
President, Faculty Senate

Josefina V. Tinajero
Dean of the College of Education

Keri L. Moe
*Vice President for Public Relations
Alumni Association*

Martha V. Velez
Vice Chair, Staff Council

Davi Kallman
*Vice President, External Affairs
Student Government Association*

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

The Graduate School

Lawrence Ellzey, *Marshal*
Patricia Witherspoon, *Dean*

The University College

Joao R. Faria, *Marshal*
Dennis Soden, *Dean*
Faculty of the College

The College of Liberal Arts

Richard V. Teschner, *Marshal*
Howard Daudistel, *Dean*
Faculty of the College

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE

The Graduate School

The College Banner Bearer
Kirsten F. Nigro
Faculty Marshal of Students
Amaris DelCarmen Guzman
Liberal Arts
Miguel A. Zamora
University College
Student Marshals
Graduates and Candidates for the Degree

The College of Liberal Arts

The College Banner Bearer
Harmon M. Hosch
Faculty Marshal of Students
Leah Nadine Diaz
Student Marshal
Graduates and Candidates for the Degree

The University College

The College Banner Bearer
J. Scott McDonald
Faculty Marshal of Students
Tia L. Palsole
Student Marshal
Graduates and Candidates for the Degree

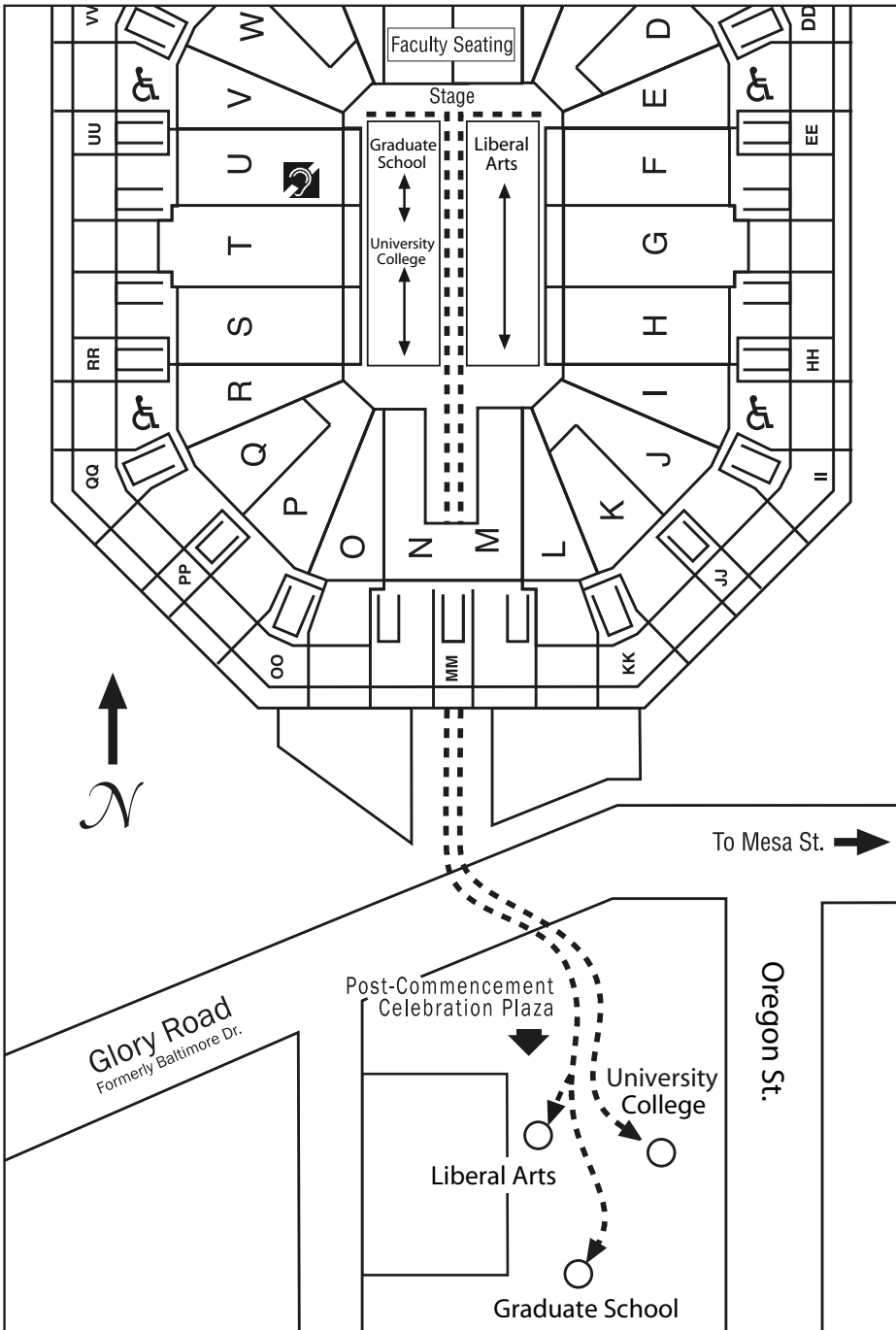
The University Librarians

Charles Gaunce, *Marshal*

The University Staff

George Barton, *Marshal*

**Student Seating and
Post-Commencement Family Waiting Areas**
9 a.m. Ceremony
Winter Commencement • Saturday, December 12, 2009



PROGRAM

Afternoon Ceremony 2 p.m.

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Diana Natalicio
President of the University, Presiding

Concert	The University Symphony Orchestra Ronald A. Hufstader, Conducting Professor, Music
Academic Procession	Dennis Bixler-Marquez, Grand Marshal Professor, Multicultural Education and Chicano Studies
National Anthem	The Audience and The University <i>The Star Spangled Banner (Key)</i> Symphony Orchestra
Welcome and Introductions	Diana Natalicio, President
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Conferral of Degrees	Diana Natalicio, President
The College of Education	Josefina Villamil Tinajero, Dean
The College of Business Administration	Robert Nachtmann, Dean
The Graduate School	Patricia Witherspoon, Dean
Announcement of Graduates and Candidates' Names	Elena Izquierdo Associate Professor, Teacher Education Yvonne Carranza, Coordinator Recruitment and Advising, Liberal Arts
University Faculty Marshals of Students	Judith H. Munter Associate Dean, Education James H. Holcomb Associate Professor Economics and Finance

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Dennis Bixler-Marquez
Grand Marshal of the University

Amber Calvin
The University Banner

Carissa Ann Montiel
Graduate School Banner

Wade M. Harrell
Business Administration Banner

Viridiana Hernandez
Education Banner

Diana Natalicio
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Dean of the Graduate School

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President, Faculty Senate

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Alumni Association*

Jorge Cardenas
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Davi Kallman
*Vice President, External Affairs
Student Government Association*

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Lawrence Ellzey, *Marshal*
Patricia Witherspoon, *Dean*

The College of Education

William H. Robertson, *Marshal*
Josefina Villamil Tinajero, *Dean*
Faculty of the College

The College of Business

Administration

Kallol Bagchi, *Marshal*
Robert Nachtmann, *Dean*
Faculty of the College

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE

The Graduate School

The College Banner Bearer
Ana H. Macias
Mo Adam Mahmood
Faculty Marshals of Students
Juan C. Polanco
Business Administration
Aneth Vasquez, Education
Student Marshals
Graduates and Candidates for the Degree

The College of Education

The College Banner Bearer
Robert Trussell
Faculty Marshal of Students
Liliana Dominguez
Student Marshal
Graduates and Candidates for the Degree

The College of Business

Administration

The College Banner Bearer
William Elliott
Faculty Marshal of Students
Stephanie M. Davenport
Student Marshal
Graduates and Candidates for the Degree

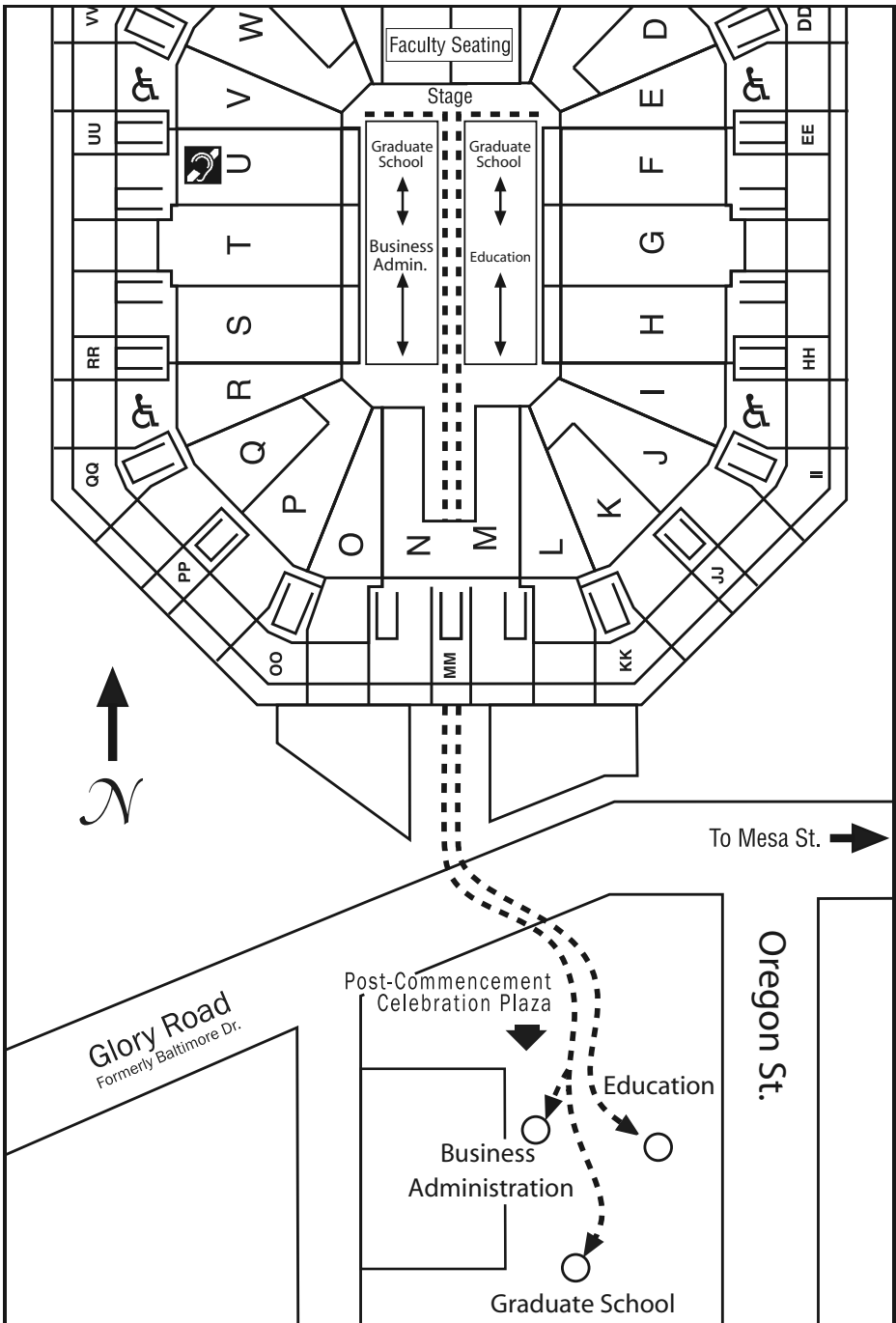
The University Librarians

Sebastian Diaz, *Marshal*

The University Staff

Sue E. Avis, *Marshal*

**Student Seating and
Post-Commencement Family Waiting Areas**
2 p.m. Ceremony
Winter Commencement • Saturday, December 12, 2009



PROGRAM

Evening Ceremony 7 p.m.

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Diana Natalicio
President of the University, Presiding

Concert	The University Symphony Orchestra Ronald A. Hufstader, Conducting Professor, Music
Academic Procession	Michael Eastman, Grand Marshal Professor, Chemistry
National Anthem	The Audience and The University <i>The Star Spangled Banner (Key)</i> Symphony Orchestra
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The College of Engineering	Richard Schoephoerster, Dean
The College of Science	Anny Morrobel-Sosa, Dean
The College of Health Sciences	Kathleen A. Curtis, Dean
The School of Nursing.....	Esperanza Joyce, Interim Dean
The Graduate School	Patricia Witherspoon, Dean
Announcement of Graduates and Candidates' Names	Richard Teschner Professor, Languages and Linguistics Irma Lopez, Assistant Director Human Resource Services
University Faculty Marshals of Students	James H. Holcomb Associate Professor Economics and Finance Harry H. Meeuwesen, Associate Provost Stephen W. Stafford Professor, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering

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Michael Eastman
Grand Marshal of the University

Joshua P. Frederick
The University Banner

Amritam Sarcar
Graduate School Banner

Jonathan C. Contreras
Engineering Banner

Amber L. Bridges-Arzaga
Health Sciences Banner

Diana Gomez
Science Banner

Sara Abercrombie
School of Nursing Banner

Diana Natalicio
President

Richard Jarvis
Provost

Richard Padilla
Vice President for Student Affairs

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The College of Engineering

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Richard Schoephoerster, *Dean*
Faculty of the College

The College of Science

William P. MacKay, *Marshal*
Anny Morrobel-Sosa, *Dean*
Faculty of the College

The Graduate School

Lawrence Ellzey, *Marshal*
Patricia Witherspoon, *Dean*

The College of Health Sciences

Rockie Pederson, *Marshal*
Kathleen A. Curtis, *Dean*
Faculty of the College

The School of Nursing

Maria Amaya, *Marshal*
Esperanza Joyce, *Interim Dean*
Faculty of the College

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE

The College of Engineering

The College Banner Bearer
John Moya
Faculty Marshal of Students
Francisco Alvarez
Student Marshal
Graduates and Candidates for the Degree

The College of Science

The College Banner Bearer
Wen-Yee Lee
Faculty Marshal of Students
Yamil Ramos
Student Marshal
Graduates and Candidates for the Degree

The University Librarians

Robert Klaphthor, *Marshal*

The University Staff

J. Domingo Ojeda, *Marshal*

The Graduate School

The College Banner Bearer
Thomas Beeman
Stella Quinones
Faculty Marshals of Students
Delia Villanueva, Engineering
Edith Jaurrieta de Velasco, Science
Erika Gonzalez Beltran, Health Sciences
Angelina Silvas, School of Nursing
Student Marshals
Graduates and Candidates for the Degree

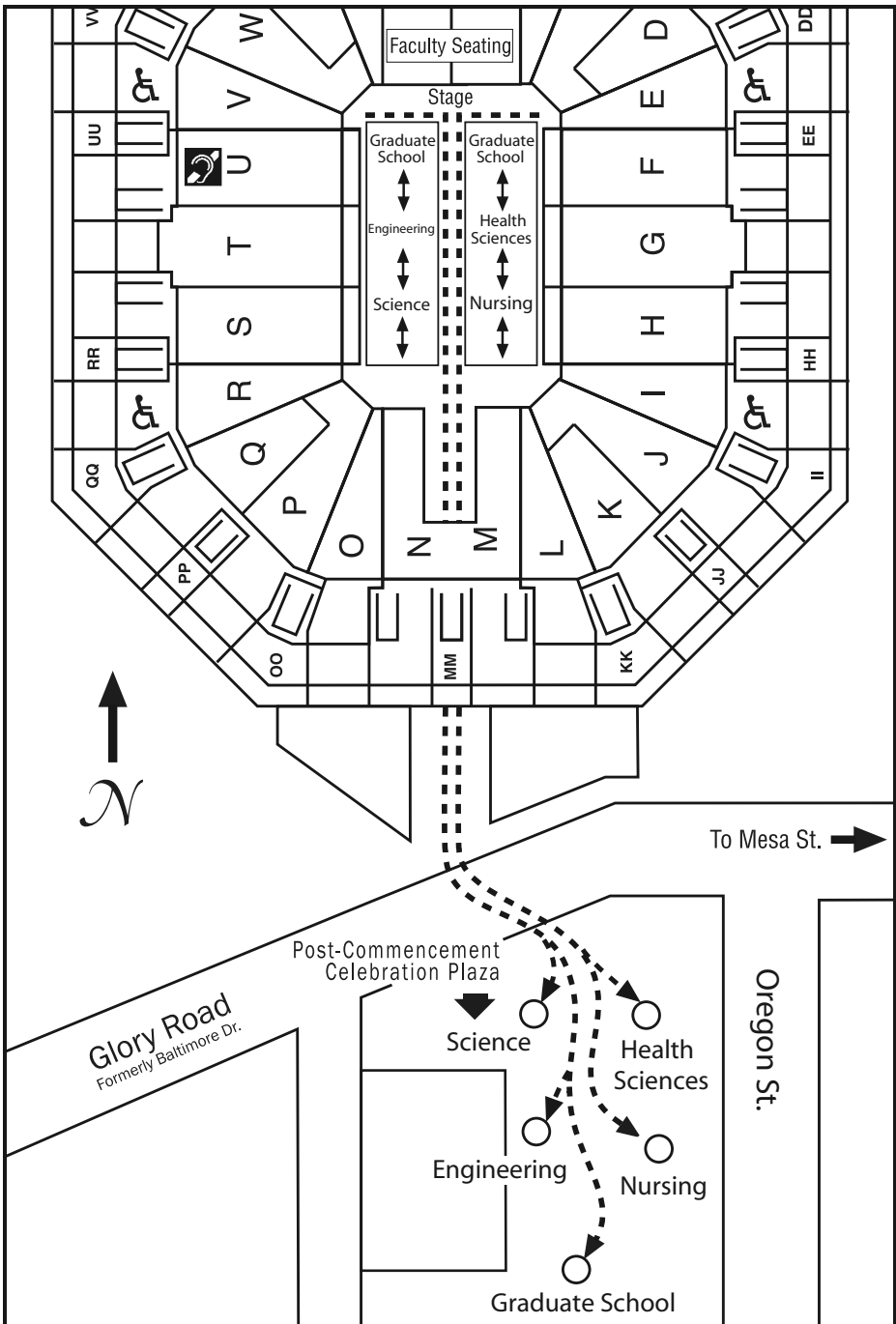
The College of Health Sciences

The College Banner Bearer
Mark Lusk
Faculty Marshal of Students
Linda D. Rodriguez
Student Marshal
Graduates and Candidates for the Degree

The School of Nursing

The College Banner Bearer
Velma McInnis-Edmonds
Faculty Marshal of Students
Ruben Medrano
Student Marshal
Graduates and Candidates for the Degree

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The University of Texas at El Paso is proud to recognize its 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients presented by the UTEP Alumni Association. The award is the highest honor bestowed upon graduates who have excelled in their professions and sustained a commitment to the University.

Our 2009 distinguished alumni are Victor Arias Jr., Willarda V. Edwards, M.D., Vernon G. Hunt and Victor M. Mendez.



Victor Arias, Jr.

Victor Arias Jr. shares a special connection with the University from which he received his undergraduate degree 31 years ago – both Arias and UTEP are

extending opportunities to a growing Hispanic community and positioning a new generation of Hispanic leaders for success.

Arias, who earned a B.B.A. in management from UTEP and later an M.B.A. from Stanford, is a senior client partner and real estate sector leader headquartered in Dallas with Korn/Ferry International, the world's largest executive search and recruitment firm. He also is a member of several prominent national boards and a former member of the White House Commission on Fellows.

As a search and placement expert, Arias represents and places candidates from every ethnic and racial background, but, as he told *Latino Leaders* magazine, it's his "personal objective" to find opportunities for Latinos.

In 1988, Arias co-founded the National Society of Hispanic MBAs to provide a network for Hispanic professionals on a national scope. He later headed the organization as national president. As a member of the New America Alliance, he works to promote the economic advancement of the American Latino community. He previously served the NAA as a director and co-chair of the Corporate Board Initiative Committee, which focuses on increasing awareness of the value of the inclusion of American Latinos on corporate boards.

At UTEP, the largest Mexican-American-majority research university in the United States, Arias serves as a public advocate and promotes support for the University as a member of the Development Board and the Centennial Campaign Leadership Council. He also was a member of the Centennial Commission, charged with helping to create a vision for UTEP in 2014, the University's 100th anniversary. Arias and his wife, Sandy, a UTEP alumna who received a B.S.N. in nursing in 1981 and was honored with the School of Nursing's Gold Nugget Award last year, have also generously supported scholarships, the College of Business Administration and a number of other UTEP programs and initiatives. They are lifetime members of the UTEP Alumni Association.

For his outstanding personal and professional achievements, Victor Arias was presented the University's College of Business Administration Gold Nugget Award in 2000.



Willarda V. Edwards, M.D.

After three decades of caring for patients and being an advocate for minority medical issues, Willarda V. Edwards, M.D., is in a position to make

great progress in creating health equity for all Americans.

Edwards, who earned a B.S. in biology from UTEP in 1972, became the new president of the National Medical Association in July.

A doctor of internal medicine with a practice in Baltimore, Md., Edwards plans to raise awareness of minority health disparities during her one-year term, while striving to increase the number of minorities in health care. A longtime member of the NMA's board of directors, she has held leadership positions including treasurer and chair.

UTEP was Edwards' launch pad to the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where she earned her M.D. in 1977. She paid for her education by serving in the Navy as a reservist, ascending to the position of chief of internal medicine at Annapolis and the Bethesda Naval Hospital. She retired from the United States Navy Reserves as a commander in 1998.

Edwards, who also holds an M.B.A. from Loyola College (now Loyola University) in Baltimore, entered private practice in 1984, embarking on a remarkable journey of public service, including positions with the American Medical Association and the Health Advocacy Division of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Edwards also recently served as president and chief operating officer of the Sickle Cell Disease

Association of America Inc. She has served as assistant dean of faculty and student development at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and currently holds an appointment to the Federal Drug Administration's Blood Products Advisory Committee.

Edwards received the Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust Award in Journalism for co-authoring *The Black Women's Guide to Black Men's Health*, published in 2007.



Vernon G. Hunt (1923-2001)

Capitalizing on a period of tremendous growth in the petroleum industry during the 1950s, and drawing on

the skills he'd developed as a geology student at Texas Western College (now UTEP), Vernon G. Hunt reaped great rewards from speculating about what could be found – and where – in the search for natural resources thousands of feet below the earth's surface.

Hunt, who died at age 78 in 2001, grew up in Titus County in East Texas. Following his graduation from high school in 1942, he joined the Military Corps of Engineers, earning the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Distinguished Service Cross for his courageous service during World War II.

After leaving the military, he graduated from TWC with a B.S. in geology in 1950, going on to work as a geologist for Midland, Texas-based Stanolind Oil and Gas Co.

Becoming an independent geologist and consultant in 1956, he explored – and discovered – oil and gas in Texas, Arkansas and Montana, enjoying so

much success that he received the Pioneer Award from the East Texas Geological Society.

A long time resident of Tyler, Texas, Hunt was a past director of both Southside Bank and the Petroleum Data Library. He held memberships in the American Institute of Professional Geologists, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and the Society of Mining Engineers.

At UTEP, Hunt and his wife established the Vernon G. and Joy Hunt Endowed Scholarship Fund in Geology, and together have contributed to numerous other University endowments and programs, thus ensuring that generations of students will be able make their dreams of academic and professional success a reality.



Victor M. Mendez

Victor M. Mendez understands that innovation and efficiency are essential when tackling a project of immense

proportions. As director of the Arizona Department of Transportation, Mendez helped implement the state's multibillion-dollar freeway system, delivering the statewide transportation construction program on time for the past eight years. He supervised the construction of 150 miles of Phoenix-area highway, and completed it six years early. Scheduled for completion in 2014, the project was finished in 2008.

Mendez also raised the standards of customer service at Arizona's

Motor Vehicle Division during a time of hyper-growth in Arizona, when demand for MVD services dramatically increased and highway construction programs doubled.

His tremendous success in Arizona resulted in President Barack Obama tapping Mendez last April to head the Federal Highway Administration.

John Horsley, the executive director of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials, said in a statement, "We consider Victor Mendez an outstanding choice for this key leadership role. He brings an in-depth knowledge of transportation gained on the front lines of a state DOT."

Mendez, who received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from UTEP in 1980, also earned an M.B.A. in 1994 from Arizona State University.

Mendez served as a past president of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and in 2008 he was selected as Leader of the Year in Public Policy in Transportation by the *Arizona Capitol Times* newspaper.

Mendez is a lifetime member of the UTEP Alumni Association. "At the end of the day, everything that has gotten me where I am in my career started with UTEP," Mendez said.

EX ALUMNOS DISTINGUIDOS

La Universidad de Texas en El Paso se enorgullece en anunciar a los ganadores del Reconocimiento al Ex - Alumno Distinguido 2009, que presenta la Asociación de Ex - Alumnos de UTEP. Este galardón es la distinción de mayor rango que se otorga a los ex -alumnos que han sobresalido en sus profesiones y por su compromiso hacia la universidad.

Los reconocimientos al Ex-Alumno Distinguido 2009 se otorgan a Víctor Arias Jr., Willarda V. Edwards, M.D., Vernon G. Hunt y Víctor M. Mendez.



Víctor Arias Jr.

Víctor Arias Jr. comparte una conexión especial con la Universidad donde recibió su título de licenciatura hace

31 años, tanto Arias como UTEP están ampliando las oportunidades hacia una comunidad hispana en crecimiento y colocando a una nueva generación de líderes hispanos para que tengan éxito.

Arias, quien obtuvo su Licenciatura en Administración de Empresas de UTEP y posteriormente una Maestría en Administración de Empresas de Stanford, es actualmente Senior Client Partner y líder en el sector de bienes raíces, con oficina central en Dallas, de Korn/Ferry International, la más

grande compañía de búsqueda y reclutamiento de ejecutivos en el mundo. También es miembro de importantes consejos directivos a nivel nacional y ex miembro de la White House Commission on Fellows.

Como todo un experto en la búsqueda y colocación, Arias representa y ubica candidatos de todos los orígenes étnicos y raciales, sin embargo como él lo comentó a la revista Latino Leaders, su "objetivo personal" es encontrar oportunidades para los latinos.

En 1988, fue cofundador de la National Society of Hispanic MBAs, cuyo propósito es brindar una red para los profesionales hispanos a través de un enfoque nacional. Posteriormente estuvo al frente de la organización como presidente nacional. Como miembro de la New America Alliance (NAA, por sus siglas en inglés), trabaja para promover el avance económico de la comunidad latinoamericana. Fungió anteriormente como Director de la NAA y Codirector del Corporate Board Initiative Committee, que se enfoca en hacer una mayor conciencia de la importancia de incluir a los latinoamericanos en los consejos corporativos.

En UTEP, la más grande universidad de investigación en los Estados Unidos cuya población es principalmente de origen mexicano

americano, Arias se desempeña como defensor público y promueve el apoyo para la institución como miembro del Consejo de Desarrollo y del Centennial Campaign Leadership Council. Formó parte asimismo de la Centennial Commission, como encargado de ayudar a crear una visión para UTEP en el 2014, año del Centenario de la Universidad. Arias y su esposa Sandy, quien obtuvo en 1981 su Licenciatura en Enfermería y que fue reconocida con el premio Gold Nugget de la Escuela de Enfermería el año pasado, han sido generosos apoyando becas, a la Facultad de Administración de Empresas y a un sinnúmero de programas e iniciativas de UTEP. Son miembros vitalicios de la Asociación de Exalumnos de UTEP.

Por sus logros personales y profesionales, le fue otorgado a Víctor Arias el reconocimiento Gold Nugget Award de la Facultad de Administración de Empresas en el 2000.



Willarda V. Edwards, M.D.

Después de tres décadas de atender a pacientes y ser defensora de los temas de salud para

las minorías, la Dra. Willarda V. Edwards se encuentra hoy en una posición donde puede llevar a

cabo grandes avances al crear la equidad médica para todos los norteamericanos.

Edwards, quien en 1972 obtuvo la Licenciatura en Ciencias de la Biología en UTEP, se convirtió en la nueva presidenta de la Asociación Nacional Médica (NMA, por sus siglas en inglés) en julio.

Médico internista con ejercicio profesional en Baltimore, la Dra. Edwards planea durante su periodo de un año, aumentar la conciencia de las disparidades de salud en las minorías y luchar a la vez por elevar el número de minorías que reciben atención médica. Ha sido miembro del consejo directivo de la NMA desde hace mucho tiempo y ha ocupado puestos de liderazgo incluyendo la Tesorería y la Dirección.

UTEP fue la plataforma de lanzamiento de Edwards hacia la Facultad de Medicina de la Universidad de Maryland, donde obtuvo su título de médico en 1977. Costeó sus estudios prestando su servicio en la reserva de la Marina y fue promovida al puesto de Jefe de Medicina Interna en el Hospital Anápolis y en el Hospital Naval Bethesda. En 1998 se retiró de la Reserva Naval de los Estados Unidos como Capitán de Fragata.

La Dra. Edwards, quien también cuenta con una Licenciatura en Administración de Empresas del Colegio Loyola (hoy, Universidad Loyola) en Baltimore, comenzó a ejercer la medicina de manera privada en 1984, embarcándose en una increíble jornada de servicio

público que incluye puestos en la Asociación Médica Americana y la División de Defensa de la Salud de la Asociación Nacional para el Progreso de la gente de Color (NAACP, por sus siglas en inglés). Fungió recientemente como Presidenta y Directora de Operaciones de la Sickle Cell Disease Association of America Inc. Se ha desempeñado como Decana Adjunta de Desarrollo Docente y Estudiantil de la Facultad de Medicina en la Universidad de Maryland y actualmente es miembro del Comité Asesor de Productos de la Sangre de la Administración Federal de Drogas.

Edwards recibió el reconocimiento Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust Award en Periodismo por ser la coautora de The Black Women's Guide to Black Men's Health, publicada en el 2007.



Vernon G. Hunt (1923-2001)

Capitalizando en una época de tremendo crecimiento en la industria petrolera durante los

Cincuentas y guiándose en las habilidades que había desarrollado como estudiante de Geología en el Texas Western College (hoy UTEP), Vernon G. Hunt cosechó enormes recompensas de especular sobre lo que podía encontrarse y dónde, en la búsqueda de recursos naturales, miles de pies debajo de la superficie terrestre.

Hunt, quien falleció a la edad de 78 años en el 2001, creció en el Condado de Titus al este de Texas. Después de graduarse de preparatoria en 1942 se unió al Cuerpo Militar de Ingenieros, siendo reconocido con la Estrella de Plata, la Estrella de Bronce y las condecoraciones Corazón Púrpura y Cruz al Mérito Militar por su valiente servicio prestado durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial.

Una vez que se retiró del ejército, se graduó del TWC con una Licenciatura en Ciencias en Geología en 1950 y se fue a trabajar como geólogo a la Compañía Stanolind Oil and Gas Co. con base en Midland, Texas.

En 1956 comenzó a trabajar como geólogo independiente y consultor. Exploró y descubrió –petróleo y gas en Texas, Arkansas y Montana, gozando de tanto éxito que recibió el Pioneer Award de la Sociedad de Geología del Este de Texas.

Residente de Tyler, Texas por mucho tiempo, Hunt era exdirector tanto del Banco Southside como de la Petroleum Data Library. También fue miembro del Instituto Americano de Geólogos Profesionales, la Asociación Americana de Geólogos Petroleros y la Sociedad de Ingenieros Mineros.

En UTEP, Hunt y su esposa establecieron el Fondo de Donación de Becas en Geología Vernon G. and Joy Hunt y juntos contribuyeron a un sinnúmero

de donaciones y programas de la Universidad, asegurando de esta manera que generaciones de estudiantes hicieran realidad sus sueños de éxito académico y profesional.



Víctor M. Méndez

Víctor M. Méndez entiende que la innovación y la eficiencia son esenciales cuando se trata

de emprender un proyecto de inmensas proporciones.

Como Director del Departamento de Transporte de Arizona, Méndez ayudó a implementar el multimillonario sistema de autopistas del estado, entregando a tiempo el programa de construcción de transporte de todo el estado para los últimos ocho años. Supervisó la construcción de 150 millas de carretera en el área de Phoenix y la completó seis años antes de lo previsto. El proyecto que estaba programado para terminarse en el 2014, se completó en el 2008.

También elevó los estándares de servicio al consumidor en la División de Vehículos Motorizados de Arizona (MVD por sus siglas en inglés), durante un periodo de hiper crecimiento en el estado, cuando la demanda de servicios para la DMV aumentó de manera dramática y se duplicaron los

programas de construcción de carreteras.

El tremendo éxito que Méndez tuvo en Arizona trajo como resultado que en abril pasado, el Presidente Barack Obama lo designara para que estuviera al frente de la Administración Federal de Carreteras.

John Horsley, Director Ejecutivo de la American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials comentó: "Consideramos a Víctor Méndez como una opción excepcional para este importante papel de liderazgo. Posee un profundo conocimiento del transporte, obtenido de primera línea de un Departamento de Transporte Estatal".

Méndez, quien recibió su título de Ingeniero Civil de UTEP en 1980, obtuvo su Maestría en Administración de Empresas en 1994 de la Universidad del Estado de Arizona.

Fungió como presidente de la American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials y en 2008 fue seleccionado por el periódico Arizona Capitol Times como el Líder del Año en Política Pública en Transporte.

Es miembro vitalicio de la Asociación de Exalumnos de UTEP. "A fin de cuentas, todo lo que me ha llevado a donde ahora me encuentro profesionalmente comenzó en UTEP", afirmó Méndez.

Traducciones al español por Victoria Alicia Garcia

“NO MAN IS AN ISLAND NO MAN STANDS ALONE”

-John Donne

Today we pay tribute to the accomplishments of the graduates of the University of Texas at El Paso. For them, this ceremony marks both the culmination of years of hard work and commitment to this goal, and a prelude to many future opportunities. We congratulate them and wish them well as they pass this major milestone in their lives.

Of equal importance to us, however, is the opportunity to recognize you, the family members and friends of the graduates. For today as we honor these graduates, we honor you as well. We see in their success the love and support of parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, spouses and children – all of you who have so willingly made many sacrifices because you believed in the importance of their education.

You invest many todays to achieve a brighter tomorrow, and we are all enriched by your commitment. The faculty and staff of the University of Texas at El Paso thank you for your support, and we congratulate you, too, for we know that these graduates’ achievements are not theirs alone. Your presence here today illuminates this ceremony with warmth and love.

“NINGÚN HOMBRE ES UNA ISLA NINGUNO EXISTE SOLO”

-John Donne

Rendimos homenaje hoy a los logros de quienes se reciben de la Universidad de Texas en El Paso. Para ellos, esta ceremonia representa no sólo sino también la culminación de años de trabajo y de compromiso personal hacia esta meta, el prelude a innumerables oportunidades en el futuro. Los felicitamos y les deseamos lo mejor en esta ocasión de crucial importancia en su vida.

Pero nos parece indispensable también aprovecharnos del momento presente para brindarles nuestro reconocimiento a ustedes, los familiares y amigos de los graduados, puesto que al honrar éstos honramos además a todos ustedes. Vemos en el éxito de ellos el amor y el apoyo de padres, abuelos, hermanos, esposos e hijos-todos los que han hecho de buen grado sacrificios porque han creído firmemente en la importancia de la educación de sus seres queridos.

Ustedes han hecho la inversión provechosa de su presente para alcanzar un porvenir mejor, y todos nosotros nos hemos beneficiado por su empeño en esta labor. Los profesores y empleados de la Universidad de Texas en El Paso les agradecemos su apoyo y los felicitamos también, porque comprendemos que lo que han conseguido estos graduados no lo han conseguido solos. Iluminan ustedes nuestra ceremonia hoy con su presencia aquí, con su calor humano y su cariño.



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Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

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Sociology

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**Music Performance Orchestra/Band
Instruments**

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Music Performance Vocal

Sharon Kim

Music Theory and Composition

Blake S. Duncan

Bachelor of Science**Psychology**

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Biological Sciences

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Biological Sciences/Psychology

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Psychology

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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 Ayaka Sato
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G. Miguel Garcia

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Blanca Marcela Ramos

Lucia Rey

Alejandro Saenz

Erica M. Salazar

Berenice Saucedo

Sean Joseph Segapeli

Eric Tarin

Josefina Trejo

Management/General Business

Luis Alfonso Ramos

Management/Marketing

Yamile Abdelaziz

Alexa Noelle Alvidrez

Basy L. Clifford

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Diana Ivette Gallegos

Daniel Garcia

Demetrio T. Lara

Ricardo Nunez

Management/Operations and Supply Chain Management

Julian Roberto Talamantes Molina

Marketing

Mirna Barboza

Clara Shay Bowman

Suppanuch Chudabala

Riane Conde

Miguel De La Lama

Michelle Estrada

Javier Antonio Gandarilla

Hugo Alberto Garcia

Joshua Paul Garcia

Alonso Gomez

Celina Hernandez

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Cynthia Herrera

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Elizabeth Nicole Nichols

Lorena M. Ontiveros

Tania Reichsfeld

Armando Ivan Rosales

Alba Samaniego

Michelle Sanchez

Elisa Pauline Sklar

Perla Alejandra Sotelo

Marisol Uribe

Operations and Supply Chain Management

Anais Acosta

Edgar Lozano

Claudia Yvette Santillanes

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science

Health Promotion

Christine Bonilla
Amber Luana Bridges-Arzaga
Jonarida Galasi Buyayo
Christina Chacon
Miriam Fematt
Jennifer Franco
Miriam Patricia Garcia
Valerie Garcia
Jose L. Guevara
Jennifer Martinez
Suzanne Valerie Martinez
Maribel Jacklynn Mora
Natalie Pinon
Juan Manuel Torres

Kinesiology

Corina Apodaca
James Edward Baird
Javier Bautista
Thomas Ray Bierma
Ronaldo Briones
Abigail Yadirra Cano
Mario Carrasco
Jorge L. Cobos
Manuel Colorado
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Siobhian Gabriel Crain
Ivan De la Riva
Marcus Joseph Dupart
Rosanne Marie Esparza
Alfredo Estrada
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Thomas Pete Garcia
Suzana Gomez
Hector Hernandez
Rafael Isaac Hernandez
Gregory Cecil Hielt
John R. Kluesner
Annette Yvonne Leyva
Edmundo Licon
Graciela Medina
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Juan Carlos Rojas
Vanessa Rueda
Ayleen Marisol Ruiz
Christina M. Samples
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Yvonne Sanchez
Jose Luis Saucedo
Dauane C. Tate
Pamela Toca
Kristen Arielle Valeriano
Alexander Vasquez
Jonathan Zamarripa

Bachelor of Social Work

Linda D. Rodriguez
Luis Soriano

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Nursing, Generic

Sara Ann Abercrombie
Aracely Acosta
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Patricia Aguirre
Adrianna Guillermina Alatorre
Sherri M. Althouse
Viviana Alvarez
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Nubia Aide Anaya
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Marisela Barba
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Gynna E. Carbajal
Laura Olivia Castaneda
Delia Sophia Cesar
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Sonya Emery Childers
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Erica Prieto Gonzalez
Kelly Anne Guile
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Norma Alyssa Lagunas
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Alexandra Romero
Zulema Saenz
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Jose Sanchez
Raul Sandoval
Gabriela Cristina Solis
Melissa Souverbielle
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Luis Veloz
Rosalinda Villa
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Danielle Zarret

Nursing, Registered Nurse

Alejandra Ayala
Ramona Baeza
Ellen Gwen Bridger
Christina Calderon
Zenia Fuentes Chavez
Lavonne Lanette Grac Davis
Jeri Lynn English
Regi Johny
LaJuana Chiquita Jones
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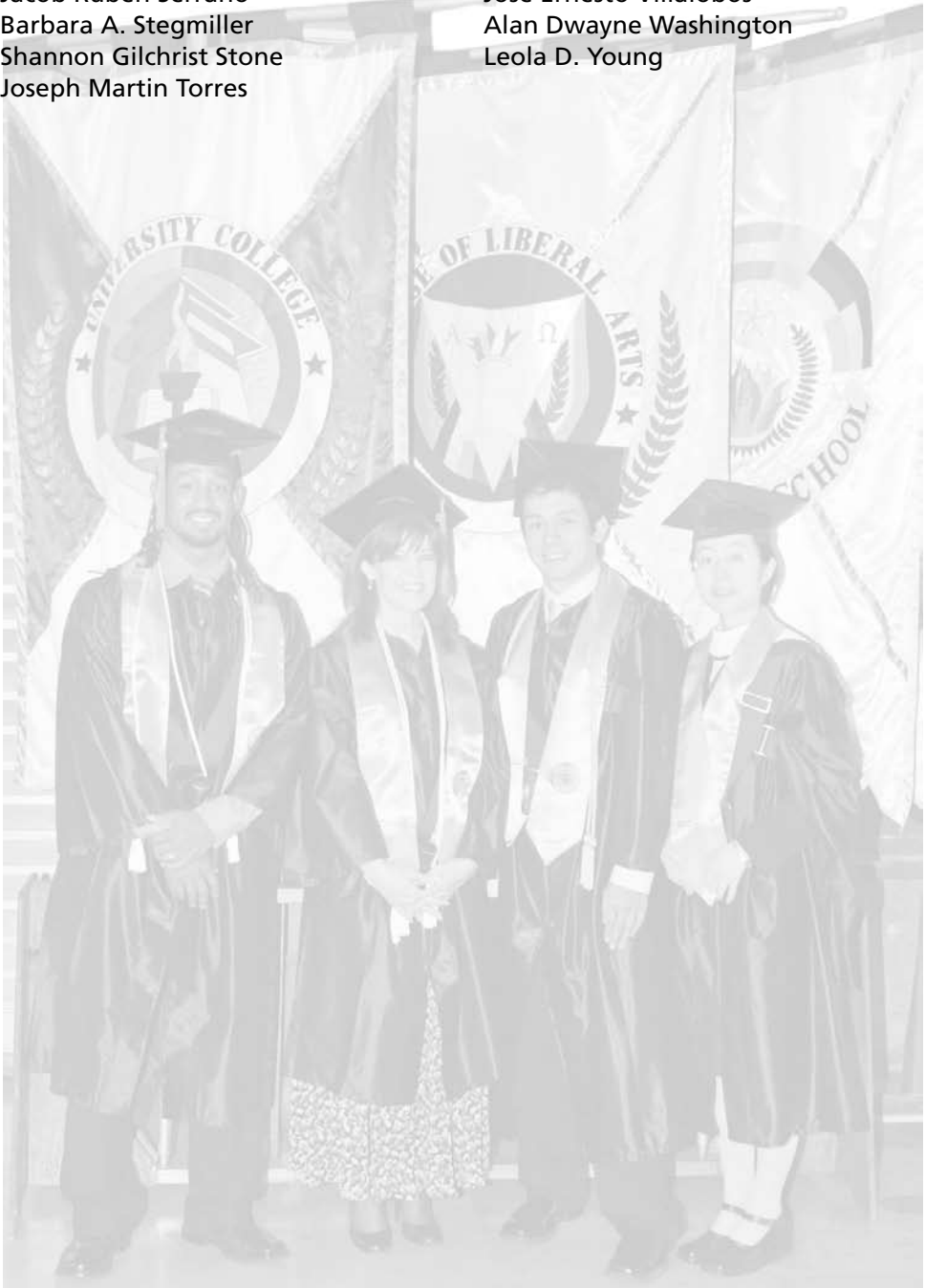
Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies

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Jesus Servando Carreon
Francisco L. Castillo
Cullen Hermino Chacon
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Veronica Chavez
Gloria Marina De la Mora
Devonette P. Desmond
Fermin Dorado
Maria Ignacia Ely
Sophia Nedalia Escorcia
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Yaneli Fernandez
Yolanda Flores
Annalissa Loren Franco
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Edward A. Hernandez
Maria Guadalupe Hernandez
Sandra Lourdes Hernandez
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Jolene Vee Houghtaling
Dolores Marie Ibarra
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Elizabeth Ann Johnson
Chad Keohane
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Iliana Yazmin Lucero
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Charles Azuka Ofili
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Jorge G. Parra
Victor Manuel Placencia
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Elizabeth Rivera
Luis Albert Robles
Sammy Evan Robles
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Serena Jean Sanchez
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UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

Fall 2009

University Honors Degree Candidates

Accounting/Finance

Daniel Krishan Ahluwalia

Art

Linda Sue Al-Hanna

Chemistry

Ricardo McCreary

Communication Organizational and Corporate Communication

Christian Alexis Borrego

Multidisciplinary Studies

Devonette P. Desmond

University Honors Certificate Candidates

Biology

Paloma Athena Becker

English and American Literature/ Sociology

Leah Nadine Diaz

Health Promotion

Jonarida Galasi Buyayo

Psychology

Yvette Guereca

Summer 2009

University Honors Degree Graduates

Biological Sciences

Japheth Kipkirui NG'Ojoy

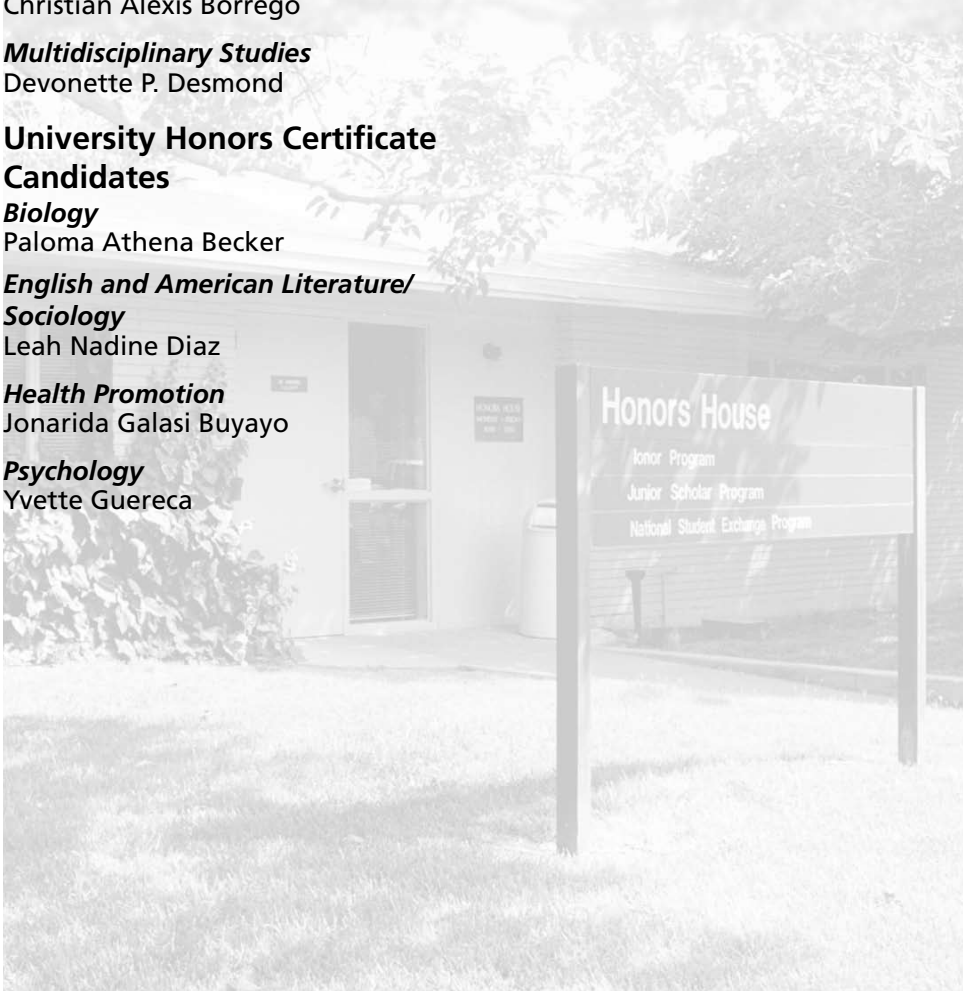
University Honors Certificate Graduates

Biological Sciences

Lauren Kristine Garcia

Nursing, Generic

Irma C. Ansalmo



GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

Biological Sciences – Pathobiology

Cynthia Ellen Morgan

Dissertation Title: "Revision of the Genus *Crematogaster* (Hymenoptera: Formicidae) in North America"

Chemistry

Monica Fabiola Delgado

Dissertation Title: "Art in a New Light: Design of Illuminants to Reduce Photochemical Degradation of Works of Art"

Israel Garcia-Martinez

Dissertation Title: "Microwave Assisted Solid-Supported Organic Synthesis: A Novel Methodology to Obtain 2, 3-Disubstituted-1, 4-Naphthoquinones"

Civil Engineering

Cesar Tirado

Dissertation Title: "Integrated Finite Element Analysis Program to Evaluate Pavement Performance and Predict Non-Destructive Testing Response"

Chad Everett Joshua MacDonald

Dissertation Title: "Dynamic Modeling of Human Gait and Motor Adaptation: Simulation of Ankle Impairments"

Computer Science

Jaime Cesar Acosta

Dissertation Title: "Using Emotion to Gain Rapport in Spoken Dialog System"

Mitesh Ramesh Meswani

Dissertation Title: "Improving Throughput of Simultaneous Multithreaded (SMT) Processors using Shareable Resource Signatures and Hardware Thread Priorities"

Environmental Science and Engineering

Jack Arnold Arias

Dissertation Title: "Symbiotic Effects of the Fungus *Glomus* sp. on Chromium(III), Chromium(VI), and Lead(II) Uptake by Mesquite (*Prosopis* sp.): A Novel Method to Remediate Heavy Metals"

Zarhelia Carlo

Dissertation Title: "Uptake of PAHs and Metals by Plants in Arid Environment"

Rudy Sookbirsingh

Dissertation Title: "Salt Separation Processes in Salt Cedar *Tamarix ramosissima* (Ledeb.)"

Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

Dejan Magoc

Dissertation Title: "The Evaluation of a Web-Based Physical Activity Intervention in a Predominantly Hispanic College Population"

Kantibhai M. Patel

Dissertation Title: "The Association of Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) Alleles and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus among Mexican Americans (MA)"

Materials Science and Engineering

Maria Del Pilar Moricca

Dissertation Title: "High Temperature Oxidation Characteristics of Nb-10W-XCr Alloys"

Rhetoric and Composition

Robert Jose Tinajero

Dissertation Title: "Hip Hop Rhetoric: Relandscaping the Rhetorical Tradition"

Master of Accountancy

Accounting

Marcela Candia

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Master of Arts

Art Education

Linda Nadine Hains

Clinical Psychology

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Communication

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Education

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English and American Literature

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Experimental Psychology

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History

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Latin American and Border Studies

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Leadership Studies

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Linguistics

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Philosophy

Oscar Acosta Baray

Political Science

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Bailey Neill
Sergio Villarreal

Spanish

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Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

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Master of Arts in Teaching

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Master of Business Administration

Business Administration

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Online Master of Business Administration

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Master of Education

Educational Administration

Noe Gaudencio Alba Baena
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Michelle Pando
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Javier Tabullo
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Rebecca Ramirez Zubia

Educational Diagnostician

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Guidance and Counseling

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Kazstelia F. Vasquez
Virginia Raeanne Veilleux
Sasha Renee Ybanez

Instructional Specialist

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Samuel Marquez
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Veronica Serrano
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Reading Education

Brenda Escobedo
Cristina Frescas
Teresa Marie Gil
Daniela Gonzalez
Julieta Ochoa
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Special Education

Gilda Ayers

Master of Fine Arts

Creative Writing

Jessica Jeanne Miller

Master of Music

Music Education

Albert Gil Martinez
Eladio Valenzuela

Music Performance

Rene Eduardo Castaneda
Shawna Meggan Holtz

Master in Public

Administration

Donald Raymond Berger
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Christopher Daniel Celaya
Elizabeth De La O
Cynthia Delores Delgado
Benjamin Elliot Fyffe
Frank John Mangan
Elizabeth Marie Ramirez-Tobias
John Carl Sandstrom
Terence Jerome Sharpe
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Master of Public Health

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Lana Khatib

Master of Science

Bioinformatics

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Anurag Gautam

Chemistry

Carlos R. Acevedo
Tenoch Benitez
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Civil Engineering

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Gandhar Anant Wazalwar
Cynthia Roxanna Zuniga

Computer Science

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Veronica Rocio Medina
Amritam Sarcar
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Economics

Phuntsho Wangmo

Electrical Engineering

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Karthik Kanaka
Naveen Kumar Reddy Kanuganti
Bhanuprakash Nagaraju
Chandrateja Paladi
Praveen Kumar Palakurthi
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Environmental Science

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Geophysics

Hugo Rodriguez

Health Promotion-Health Education

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Industrial Engineering

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Bharadwaj Narayan Edupuganti
Carlos Garcia
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Yanyi Liang
Sowmya Parimi
Juan Manuel Sanchez
Delia Villanueva

Intelligence and National Security Studies

Alejandro Jose Maria Palma

Manufacturing Engineering

Rodrigo Federico Arzate Orozco
Jose De La Cruz Urueta
Erika Esquivel-Ramirez
Hector Omar Frias
Haydee Saucedo
Thelma Sierra

Mechanical Engineering

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Bharath Reddy Gurralla
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Alvaro Vega Sandate
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Gerardo Vargas

Metallurgical and Materials Engineering

Amanda Marie Bastidos
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Brenda Ivette Machado
Clemente Jose Parga
Oscar Quintero
Diana Alejandra Ramirez
Nubia Zuverza Mena

Physics

Sarah Jane Marchena-Vega
Daniel Tesfai Yehdego

Statistics

Olivia Andreea Baci
Alexandra Bogdan

**Master of Science in
Environmental Engineering**

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**Master of Science in
Information Technology**

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Srivatsava Kamatham

Santosh Kumar Reddy Kudugunta

**Master of Science in
Interdisciplinary Studies**

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**Master of Science in Nursing
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Jackie Beard

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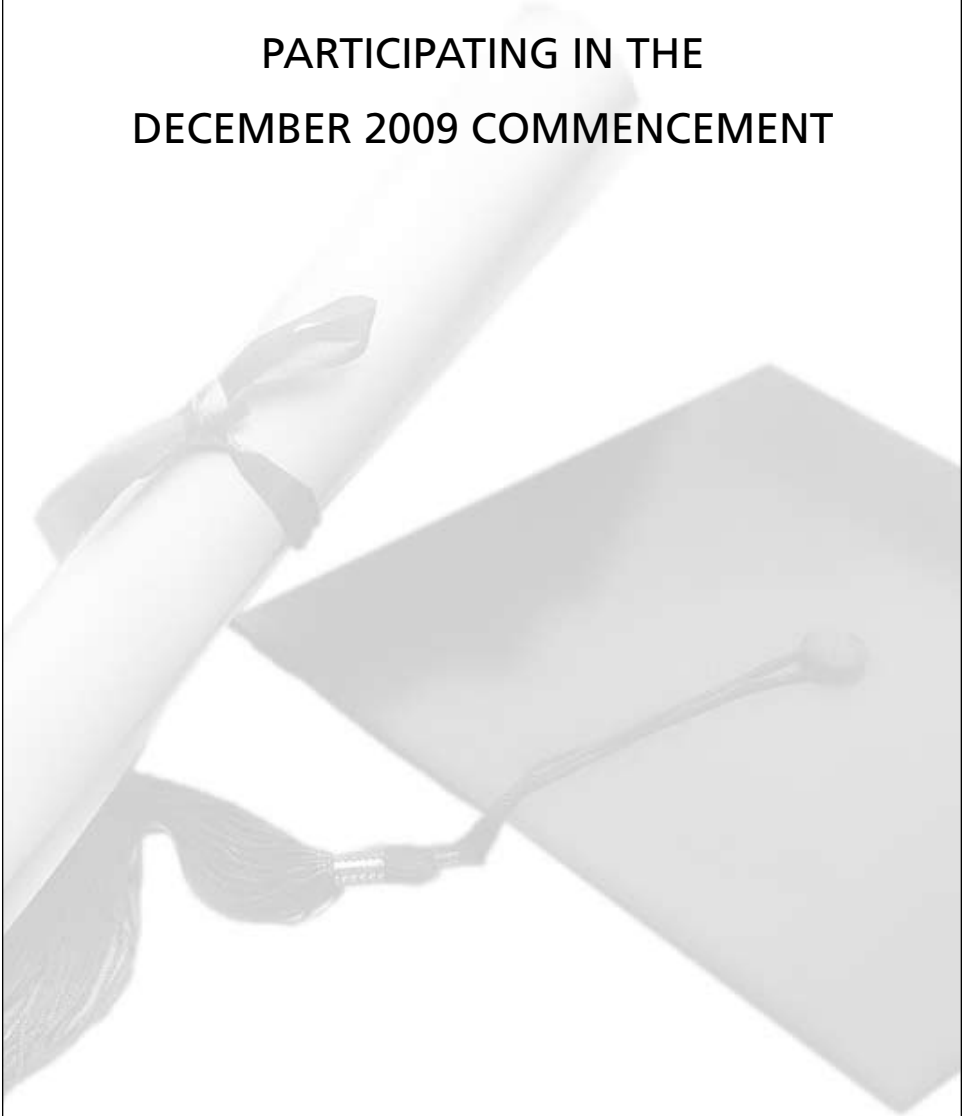
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SUMMER 2009

GRADUATES

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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Laura Gabriela Hernandez

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Antonio Garza

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Hiva J. Javaher

John V. Majerczyk

Aaron Munguia

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering

Edgar Ivan Jimenez

Oscar Eduardo Moreira

Maria Vanesa Moreno

Olivia C. Moreno

Luis Carlos Muniz

Isidoro Trueba

Claudia Evangelina Valles Sosa

Abril Paola Vasquez

Grisel Carolina Ventura

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Cesar Espinosa

Randal Yoztaltepetl Garcia

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

Art

Gerardo Cedeno

Communication Electronic Media

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Jacqueline Centeno

Claudio De La Vega

Cristina Hernandez

Jennifer Marquez

Communication Media Advertising

Adrian Adan Calderon

Communication Organizational and Corporate Communication

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Lawrence Tyler Francis

Christopher Manuel Lechuga

Grace Munoz

Melissa Rosales

Graciela Ruiz

Annette Maureen Van Nosedale

Communication Print Media

Christina Gonzalez

Natalie Marie Hinojos

Elizabeth Ann Loper

Cesar Miguel Marquez

Ivan Torres

David Leo Vasquez

Communication Studies

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Carlos A. Tarin

Creative Writing

Jennifer Taneil Garcia

Anna Marie Kircher

Jair Alejandro Munoz

Creative Writing/History

Raul Miguel Munoz

Criminal Justice

Edgar Acosta

Daniel Antonio Aguilar

Damaris Alcaraz

Maria T. Avitia

Miguel Angel Baca
Diego A. Cardona
Cody Ray Carter
Pablo Alejandro Castro
Guillermo Nicolaz Chaparro
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Crystal D. Garcia
Jose Luis Hernandez
Michael David Herrera
Delia Iglesias
Lorena Mendez
Karla Hortensia Meraz
Robert Jacob Najera
Nina Marie Renteria
Ernesto Silva
Crystal Ann Solis
Jesus Alberto Villa
Kathleen Anna Zurlinden

Criminal Justice/Philosophy

Jesus Manuel Guereca

English

Denise Martinez

English and American Literature

Jennifer Eva Cedillos
Laura Dominguez
Manolo Faustino Garcia
Vivian Hernandez
Rocio Guadalupe Rosales
Jessica Lorraine Terrazas

***English and American Literature/
Creative Writing***

Jose Ramiro Gaytan

French

Brenda Leticia Arostegui
Josette Christine Pelatan

History

Tomas Avila
Rosaangelica Ortega Holguin
Jake Macias
Joseph Rodriguez
Guadalupe Saldana
Edith E. Yanez

History/Chicano Studies

Violeta S. Mena

History/Political Science

Barry Charles Peterson

Linguistics

Giana Dane Torrez
Benjamin Haslam Walker

Mathematics

Luz I. Lopez

Philosophy

Laci Leigh Aboud
Malissa Marjorie Arras

Philosophy/Linguistics

Oscar Ivan Gonzalez

Political Science

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Crystal Rose Beck
Alejandro De La Llave
Priscilla Fonseca
Richard Lee Morales
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Ana Paulina Silva
Diana Anais Tovar

Political Science/Chicano Studies

Ricardo Villescas

Psychology

Laura Guadalupe Acosta
Karina Hernandez
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Mireya Lopez
Elsa Martin
George Ortiz
Valerie Ramirez
Melissa Sosa
Elva Natalia Strobach

Sociology

Claudia E. Escobar
Kristina Lira
Ruben Terrazas

Spanish

Adriana Patricia Medellin

Theatre Arts

Russell Cody Fultz

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Dance

Amanda Rae Leon

Music Theatre

Veronica Michelle Torres

Studio Art Graphic Design

Edwin De Leon

Studio Art Metals

Xochitl Rodriguez

Studio Art Painting

Javier Ivan Napoles

Bachelor of Music

Music Performance Orchestra/Band

Instruments

Carlos D. Colon

Julia Gutierrez

Music General

Raul Candelaria

Phillip Gabriel Garcia

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Bachelor of Science

Biological Sciences

Rosario Lorena Arroyo

Abdallah Rachid Azzam

Amphoe Hubiera Bautista

Emmanuel Enriquez

Emmanuel Alejandro Flores

Cindy Garcia

Lauren Kristine Garcia

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Gilda Victorino

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Jennifer Jill Hamlyn

Carla Padilla

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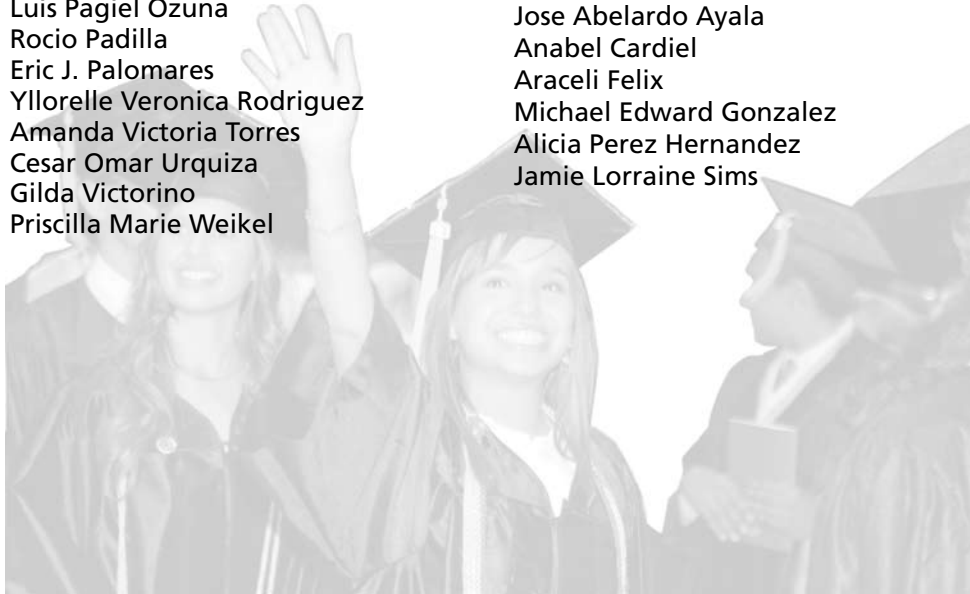
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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

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Bachelor of Business Administration

Accounting

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Accounting/General Business

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Computer Information Systems

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Economics

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Finance/Management

Mauricio Ramon Cesena

Finance/Marketing

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Finance/Operations and Supply Chain Management

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General Business

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Feigue Wiener

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Management

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Bachelor of Science

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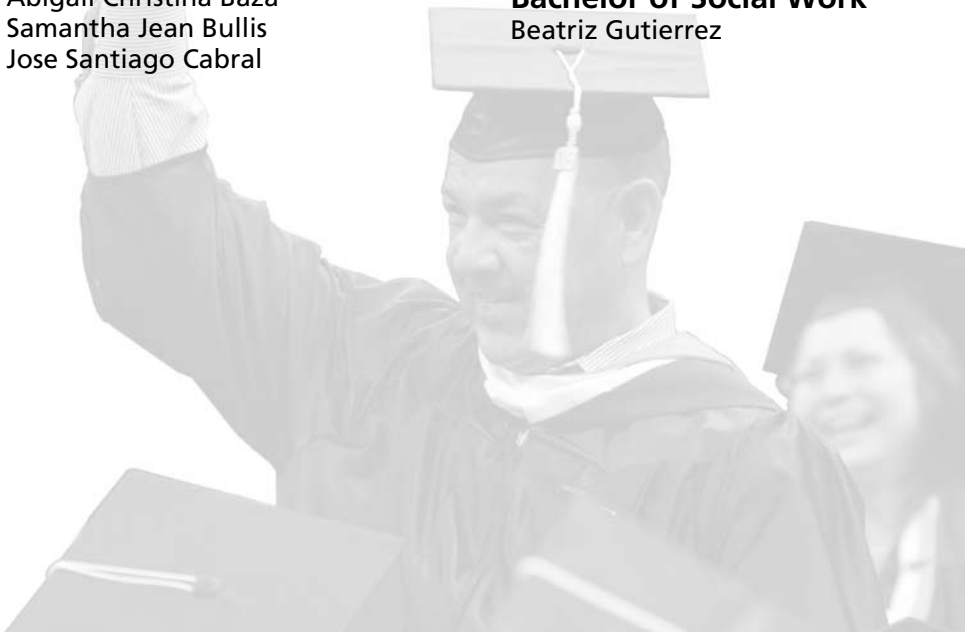
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SCHOOL OF NURSING

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Educational Leadership and Administration

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Doctor of Philosophy

Biological Sciences-Pathobiology

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Rhetoric and Composition

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Dissertation Title: "Rival Radical Feminists - Frances Willard and Ida B. Wells: The Rhetorical *Slugfest* of Two Nineteenth-Century Queen Bees Over Lynching"

Brian Jeremy McNely

Dissertation Title: "Un/ Commonplaces: Redirecting Research and Curricula in Rhetoric and Writing Studies"

Cristina Devereaux Ramirez
Dissertation Title: "Claiming the
Discursive Self: Mestiza Rhetorics
of Mexican Women Journalists,
1876-1924"

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3.9 - 4.0	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> (Highest Honors)	Gold
3.8 - 3.89	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> (High Honors)	White
3.5 - 3.79	<i>Cum Laude</i> (Honors)	College Color
Business Administration		Drab
Education		Light Blue
Engineering		Orange
Health Sciences		Salmon
Liberal Arts		Royal Blue
Nursing		Apricot
Science		Golden Yellow
University College		Wine
Honors Degree		Gold Stole
Honors Certificate		Lilac
Honors Senior Thesis		Dark Green

College of Business Administration

Beta Gamma Sigma - Blue/Gold	National Business and Management Academic Honor Society
Beta Alpha Psi - Red/White	International Professional Accounting Honorary Fraternity

College of Education

Chi Sigma Iota - Blue/White	National Counseling Honor Society
Kappa Delta Pi	International Education Honor Society
Double Gold	3.9 - 4.0
Double White	3.8 - 3.89
Green/Purple/White	3.5 - 3.79
Green/Purple	3.25 - 3.49

College of Engineering

Alpha Pi Mu - White Cowl	Industrial Engineering Honor Society
Chi Epsilon - Purple Cowl	National Civil Engineering Honor Society
Eta Kappa Nu - Red/Blue	National Electrical Engineering Honor Society
Pi Tau Sigma - White Cowl	National Mechanical Engineering Honor Society
Tau Beta Pi - Brown/White or White Cowl	National Engineering Honor Society
Upsilon Pi Epsilon - White/Burgundy	National Computer Science Honor Society

College of Health Sciences

Eta Sigma Gamma	National Professional Health Education Honorary
Kelly Green/Gold	3.5 - 4.0
Kelly Green	3.0 - 3.49
Pi Theta Epsilon - Blue/Gold	National Occupational Therapy Honor Society

School of Nursing

Sigma Theta Tau - White/Purple	National Nursing Honor Society
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College of Liberal Arts

Honors Graduates - Navy/Silver	Law School Preparation Institute
Honor Society - Purple/Gold	Career Opportunities in Research
Lambda Pi Eta - White/Red	Communication Honor Society
Pi Sigma Alpha - Red/White/Black with a Red/White Medallion	National Political Science Honor Society
Psi Chi - Gold Double Cords with Blue/Gold Tassels	National Honor Society in Psychology

College of Science

Alpha Epsilon Delta - Red/Lavender	National Pre-Health Honor Society
Sigma Gamma Epsilon - Antique Gold Cords	National Honor Society for Geological Sciences

University Honor Societies/Programs

Alpha Chi - Royal Blue/Emerald Green	National Honor Society for Juniors and Seniors
Alpha Lambda Delta - Red, White and Gold Honor Cords	National Honor Society for Freshmen Year Students
Golden Key - Gold Medallion/Blue and Gold Ribbon	National Honor Society
Mortar Board - Silver/Gold or Gold Medallion/White Ribbon	National Senior Honor Society
National Order of Omega - Gold/Black	National Greek Honor Society
National Society of Collegiate Scholars - Gold/Maroon or Gold Sash (officers)	National Society of Collegiate Scholars for First and Second Year Students
Phi Kappa Phi - Navy Blue/Gold	National Honor Society
University Honors Council - Royal Blue/Orange	Honors Program Honor Society

REGALIA

HISTORY

Prior to 1980, The University of Texas at El Paso (and its predecessors, the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy and Texas Western College) borrowed regalia for ceremonial occasions. In 1980, Drama Department faculty member C.L. Etheridge suggested that the time had come for UTEP to have its own unique regalia. President Haskell Monroe established the University Heritage Commission to raise funds for the creation of official regalia, to include a mace, chains of office for the President and the Vice President for Academic Affairs, a UTEP banner and seal, and a banner and seal for each of the colleges.

A University seal, depicting El Paso's sun, mountains and river, had been created for Texas Western College in 1949 by renowned local artist José Cisneros. This seal was incorporated into the official heraldic layout for the University banner designed by Art Department faculty member Sally Bishop Segal, who also designed seals for the colleges of Liberal Arts, Science, Nursing and Allied Health (now the College of Health Sciences), and the Graduate School. Albert Ronke, Drama Department faculty member, designed the seals for the colleges of Business Administration, Education, and Engineering. All eight seal designs in their heraldic

layout were then crafted into fabric by Esther "Terrie" Cornell. In 2001, the seals for Engineering, Business and Health Sciences were updated by Sally Segal to reflect new programs offered by those colleges.

UTEP alumnus James Love created the Chain of Office for the President, consisting of eight seals reproduced on two-inch-diameter enameled disks; the Chain of Office for the Vice President for Academic Affairs; and the University Mace.

C.L. Etheridge developed the ceremonial rituals used in University commencement since 1981.

BANNERS

Among the many traditions associated with commencement, the presentation of the ceremonial University and College banners symbolizes the accomplishments of the graduates whom we honor on this occasion and the University's commitment to their success. Each banner bears a unique seal placed on a 4 x 6-foot heraldic field, or *saltire*, and each incorporates symbols and colors that define it:

University Banner

Colors: Orange, White and Blue

Symbols: Open Book – the learning process; the Sun, Mountains and River – the city of El Paso; Star – The Lone Star of Texas; Laurel Branch – high academic achievement; Oak Branch – solidity and permanence

Colleges

Business Administration

Colors: Brown – Business and Accounting

Copper – Economics

Symbols: Globe – international commerce; Graph – economic statistics; Computer Disk and Mouse – computer applications; e.com – information communication

Education

Color: Light Blue

Symbols: Lamp – lamp of learning; Book – learning and literacy; Sigma – Greek symbol for “all-encompassing”; Book, Ruler and Compass – the tools of learning

Engineering

Color: Dark Orange

Symbols: Castle Structure – civil engineering; Gear – mechanical engineering; Bolt of Lightning – electrical engineering; Hammer and Assaying Scale – metallurgical and mining engineering; Human Form – industrial engineering; Computer Card and Binary Numbers – computer science

Health Sciences

Colors: Apricot – Nursing
Green – Healing Arts

Symbols: Dark Red Field – blood of life; White Shield and Red Cross – humanitarian aid; Human Figure – physical care and therapy; Beaker, Needle and Test Tube – laboratory research and application

Liberal Arts

Color: White – Humanities, Arts and Letters

Symbols: Alpha/Omega – first and last letters of Greek alphabet symbolizing the scope of studies in Liberal Arts; Torch – knowledge; Open Book – the learning process and literacy
Color Stripes denote disciplines within liberal arts: Brown for Fine Arts, Crimson for Journalism, Pink for Music, Dark Blue for Philosophy, Violet for Psychology, Scarlet for Religion, Citron for Social Work and Silver Gray for Speech and Drama

Science

Color: Golden Yellow

Symbols: Clouds/Sky – the atmosphere surrounding the earth; Globe – earth and geography; Methane Molecule – chemistry, biology and physics; Five Mathematical Symbols – basic and higher math concepts; Tree – the history of science; and the Mountains, Earth and Strata – geology

University College

Colors: University colors of Orange, White and Blue and other colors representing the different academic disciplines from which students draw the concentrations that comprise their degree

Symbols: Bhutanese tower – represents UTEP and the solid foundation of learning that is at the very root of our institution; Torch – torch of learning that integrates knowledge and creates wisdom; Book – book of knowledge that must always remain open for life-long learning to continue; and Laurel Branches – high academic achievement

Graduate School

Colors: University colors of Orange, White and Blue and other colors from academic areas offering graduate study

Symbols: Rainbow – the spectrum of disciplines forming the Graduate School; Star – the Lone Star of Texas and the skyward direction of the flames; Pan of Flames – group knowledge; and Laurel Branches – high academic achievement

School of Nursing

Color: Apricot

Symbols: Maltese Cross - exceptional service to humanity; Lamp of Knowledge - tribute to Florence Nightingale; Eternal Flame - lifelong quest for knowledge; Laurel Leaves - honor; “Corpus Sanare” - healing the body; Burnt Orange Ring - School of Nursing becomes part of The University of Texas System in 1972; Columbia Blue and Navy Blue - past and present shades of blue designated as official colors; Stars - the State of Texas with Miner orange.

MACE

The mace, originally a weapon of combat, has been associated with civil and academic ceremonies from at least the 14th century, and symbolizes the authority and dignity of office.

The University Mace is made of materials indigenous to this region. The head of the Mace, which is joined to the shaft by the University Seal, consists of a group of flanges which are made of silver and gold-plated copper; within these is mounted a rose quartz stone. The design resembles an abstract flower bud, with the rose quartz about to break through the flanges that surround it. This symbolizes the attainment of knowledge, the student's growth from novice to scholar.

GOWNS, CAPS AND HOODS

The tradition of the gown, cap and hood worn at UTEP events dates back to universities in the Middle Ages, when such garments had very practical applications. The gown and hood kept the chill away as students and teachers labored in halls of learning that were often damp and drafty.

Originally, the mortar board, or flat square cap, was a hat which, when removed, provided its wearer with a flat writing surface. Writing instruments and paper were kept in the long sleeves of the gown.

Until modern times, caps and gowns were made of black

fabric to illustrate the gravity of learning. Although today's gowns, caps and tassels are available in a variety of colors, the symbolism of color remains. For example, students who graduate from UTEP wear a tassel whose color represents the college from which they receive their degrees.

The hood drapes over the shoulders and is worn by those who have earned a master's or doctoral degree. It consists of a black shell, lined in satin, and bears the color of the institution that conferred the degree. The hoods worn by UTEP graduates have an orange lining crossed with a white chevron. The velvet on the border bears the color of the field of learning in which the degree was earned.

COMMENCEMENT STOLES

The University of Texas at El Paso Alumni Association honors the Student Marshals, Banner Bearers and University Banner Bearer with an orange satin stole bearing the Class Medallion and Alumni Association logo.

Inaugurated in May 2004, the stoles are proudly worn by students who were selected to represent their college based on their exceptional academic achievement.

The **University Banner Bearer** — selected based on academic achievement, leadership and campus involvement — is considered the highest honor bestowed upon a student during

commencement. This student follows the Grand Marshal and leads the college banners in the processional. The University Banner Bearer is the second to receive their diploma in their respective college.

In the second phase of the processional, undergraduate and graduate **Student Marshals** lead their fellow candidates and are the first in their college to receive their diploma.

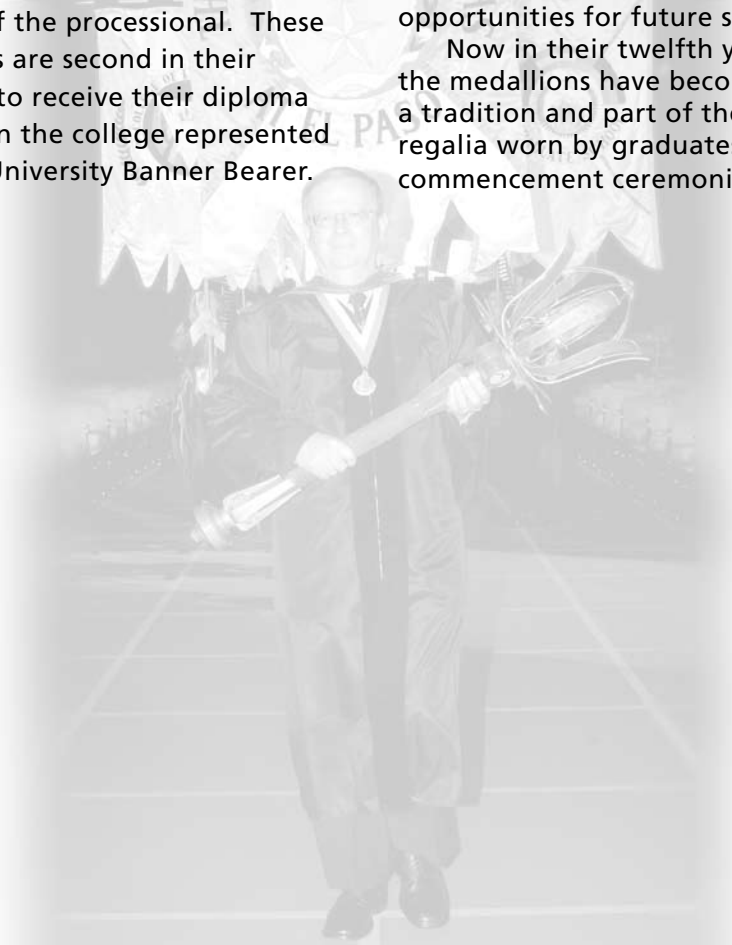
The **College Banner Bearers** carry their college banner and lead their college in the second phase of the processional. These students are second in their college to receive their diploma except in the college represented by the University Banner Bearer.

CLASS MEDALLION

The first class medallion was created to commemorate UTEP's 100th Commencement ceremony in May 1998 at the Sun Bowl featuring The Honorable George W. Bush, then Governor of Texas.

Because of the medallion's popularity, University officials decided to create a Class Medallion for each year's graduating class starting in the new millennium. The proceeds from the sale of these medallions go to the Medallion Endowed Scholarship Fund. The sale of the medallions has endowed the scholarship fund to ensure opportunities for future students.

Now in their twelfth year, the medallions have become a tradition and part of the regalia worn by graduates at commencement ceremonies.



DECORACIONES, INSIGNIAS Y TRAJES CEREMONIALES

HISTORIA

La Universidad de Texas en El Paso, al igual que sus antecesoras, Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy y Texas Western College, pedían prestados los trajes que se usaban en algunas ocasiones solemnes que tuvieron lugar antes de 1980. En el verano de dicho año, el profesor C.L Etheridge, miembro del cuerpo docente del Departamento de Arte Dramático, sugirió que ya era hora de que UTEP contara con sus propios trajes de ceremonia. El Presidente Haskell Monroe fundó la Comisión Patrimonial de la Universidad con el fin de recaudar fondos destinados a la creación de una serie de elementos decorativos oficiales, que incluirían un bastón de mando, collares emblemáticos de los cargos de Rector y Vicerrector de Asuntos Académicos, el estandarte universitario y el escudo, así como estandartes y escudos para cada una de las facultades.

En 1949, el renombrado pintor paseño José Cisneros creó un escudo universitario para Texas Western College. Más tarde, se incluyó el escudo que representaba el sol, las montañas y el río de El Paso en el diseño heráldico oficial del estandarte de la universidad, diseñado por la profesora y pintora Sally Bishop, quién también creó los diseños de los emblemas para las facultades de Artes Liberales, Ciencias, Enfermería y Ciencias Afines (actual facultad de Ciencias de la Salud), y la Escuela de Graduados. A su vez,

Albert Ronke, profesor de arte dramático y escenógrafo, concibió los diseños de los escudos para las Facultades de Administración de Empresas, Educación e Ingeniería. Los ocho diseños de los escudos y su disposición heráldica fueron plasmados en tela por Esther "Terrie" Cornell. En el 2001, los escudos de la Facultad de Ingeniería, de Administración de Empresas y de Ciencias de la Salud fueron rediseñados para que se incluyeran los nuevos programas ofrecidos por dichas facultades.

Un ex-alumno, James Love, artista y joyero de El Paso, elaboró el collar del cargo oficial de Rector, que comprendía ocho escudos reproducidos sobre discos esmaltados de dos pulgadas de diámetro, así como el collar de cargo de Vicerrector de Asuntos Académicos y el bastón de mando de la Universidad.

Los procedimientos y procesiones ceremoniales que se siguen actualmente fueron ideados por C.L Etheridge y fueron puestos en práctica desde 1981.

ESTANDARTES

Entre las diversas tradiciones relacionadas con la Ceremonia de Graduación, la presentación de los estandartes ceremoniales de la Universidad y de las Facultades simboliza los logros alcanzados por los graduados a los cuales honramos en cada ocasión, así como el compromiso de la Universidad para que tengan éxito. Cada estandarte ostenta el escudo oficial de la

universidad colocado en un campo heráldico de cuatro por seis pies, y cada uno de ellos muestra los colores y símbolos que identifican a cada una de las facultades.

ESTANDARTE UNIVERSITARIO

Colores: Naranja, Blanco y Azul.

Símbolos: Libro Abierto-el proceso de aprendizaje; el Sol, las Montañas y el Río-La ciudad de El Paso; La Estrella- La Estrella Solitaria de Texas; La Rama de Laurel-logros académicos superiores, La Rama de Roble-solidaridad y permanencia.

Facultades

Administración de Empresas

Colores: Administración y Contabilidad-Café

Economía-Cobre

Símbolos: Globo-comercio mundial; Gráfica- estadísticas económicas; Disquete y ratón de computadora-computadoras y sus aplicaciones; E.com –la comunicación de la información.

Educación

Color: Azul cielo

Símbolos: Lámpara- luz del conocimiento; Libro – aprendizaje y alfabetismo; Sigma – símbolo griego que significa “que lo abarca todo” ; Libro, regla y compás- las herramientas del aprendizaje

Ingeniería

Color: anaranjado oscuro

Simbolos: Castillo – ingeniería civil; Engranaje – ingeniería mecánica; Relampago – ingeniería eléctrica; Martillo y Bascula de Ensaye – ingeniería metalúrgica y materiales; Forma Humana – ingeniería industrial; Tarjeta de Computadora y Números Binarios – Informática

Ciencias de la Salud

Color: Enfermería – Albaricoque
Artes de Curación – Verde

Símbolos: Campo Rojo Oscuro – la sangre de la vida, Campo Blanco y Cruz Roja– ayuda humanitaria; Figura Humana – cuidado y terapia física; Vaso de precipitado / Aguja / Tubo de Ensaye – investigación de laboratorio y su aplicación

Artes Liberales

Color: Humanidades, Filosofía y Letras-Blanco

Símbolos: Alpha / Omega – Primera y última letra del alfabeto Griego simbolizando los ámbitos de estudio en las Artes Liberales; Antorcha – conocimiento; Libro abierto – el proceso de aprendizaje y el alfabetismo.

Las franjas de colores denotan las disciplinas que forman parte de las Artes Liberales: Café para las Bellas Artes, Carmesí para Periodismo, Rosa para Música, Azul Rey para Filosofía, Violeta para Psicología, Escarlata para religión, Verde Lima para trabajo Social y Gris plateado para Declamación y Drama.

Ciencias

Color: Amarillo dorado

Símbolos: Nubes/ cielo – la atmósfera que rodea la tierra; Globo – la Tierra y la geografía; Molécula de Metano – química, biología y física; Cinco Símbolos Matemáticos – conceptos matemáticos básicos y superiores; Árbol – la historia de la ciencia; y las Montañas, la Tierra y el Estrato –geología

Colegio Universitario

Colores: Naranja, Blanco y Azul y otros colores que representan las diferentes disciplinas académicas de las cuales los estudiantes sacan las concentraciones cuales forman su título.

Símbolos: Torre de Bhutan – representa a UTEP y la fundación sólida de aprendizaje que esta a la raíz de nuestra institución; antorcha – antorcha de aprendizaje que integra el conocimiento y crea sabiduría; libro – libro de conocimiento que siempre deberá mantenerse abierto para la continuación de aprendizaje de por vida; y ramas de laurel – logros académicos superiores

Escuela de Graduados:

Colores de la Piedra Angular: los colores universitarios Anaranjado, Blanco y Azul y otros colores de áreas académicas que ofrecen estudios para graduados

Símbolos: Arco iris – el espectro de las disciplinas que forman la escuela de graduados; Estrella – la estrella solitaria de Texas y las flamas dirigidas hacia el cielo; Bandeja de Flamas – conocimiento grupal; y Ramas de Laurel – conocimiento académico superior.

Escuela de Enfermería

Color: Albaricoque

Símbolo: Cruz de Malta - Servicio excepcional a la humanidad; Lámpara del Conocimiento - Tributo a Florence Nightingale; La Llama Eterna - Búsqueda del conocimiento durante toda la vida; Hojas de Laurel - Honor; "Corpus Sanare" - Sanador de cuerpo; Aro Naranja Quemado - La Escuela de Enfermería forma parte del Sistema de la Universidad de Texas en 1972; Azul Columbia y Azul Marino - Tonos anteriores y actuales del color azul designados como oficiales; Estrella – El estado de Texas con el color naranja de los Mineros.

EL BASTÓN DE MANDO

El bastón de mando, un arma de origen bélico, está asociado con las ceremonias académicas y civiles por lo menos desde el siglo catorce y simboliza la autoridad y dignidad de un cargo.

El bastón de mando universitario está hecho de materiales autóctonos de esta

región. La cabeza del bastón está unida al asta por medio del escudo de la Universidad y tiene un grupo de rebordes hechos de plata y de cobre bañados en oro dentro de los cuales se haya incrustada una piedra de cuarzo color rosa. El diseño semeja un capullo abstracto de una flor a punto de brotar a través de los rebordes que lo encierran y simboliza el florecimiento del intelecto, la trayectoria recorrida por el estudiante de neófito a erudito.

TOGAS, BIRRETES Y ESCLAVINAS

La tradición del uso de las togas, birretes y esclavinas que se utilizan en las ceremonias de UTEP tiene su origen en los albores de las universidades medievales, cuando dicha vestimenta tenía usos prácticos. La toga y la esclavina eran utilizadas por los estudiantes y profesores para abrigarse del frío y la humedad imperantes dentro de los salones de aprendizaje.

En un principio, el birrete, o sea la gorra plana cuadrada, se utilizaba para cubrir la cabeza del estudiante, y cuando se quitaba podía emplearse como una superficie plana para escribir (el papel y los instrumentos para escribir se guardaban en las amplias mangas de la toga).

Incluso actualmente, las togas y los birretes se fabrican con tela negra para simbolizar el aspecto sombrío de la educación. Aunque hoy en día existe variedad en los colores de las togas, birretes y borlas, el simbolismo del color permanece. Por ejemplo, los estudiantes que se gradúan de UTEP utilizan borlas cuyo color

representa la facultad de la cual se están graduando.

La esclavina la portan únicamente aquellos que han obtenido un grado de Maestría o Doctorado. Consiste en una capa negra forrada en satín que cuelga sobre la espalda de la toga; el color del forro varía según el color de la institución que confiere el título. Las esclavinas que portan los graduandos de UTEP ostentan un forro color naranja atravesado por un listón blanco. El terciopelo del borde ostenta el color del campo de estudios del cuál se está obteniendo el título.

ESTOLAS DISTINTIVAS DE GRADUACIÓN

La Asociación de Ex-Alumnos de la Universidad de Texas en El Paso honra con una estola de satín color naranja que ostenta el Medallón de la Generación y el Emblema de la Asociación a aquellos estudiantes que fueron distinguidos para fungir como Marshals, como portadores del estandarte universitario y de la insignia de cada facultad.

Los estudiantes que llevan con orgullo estas estolas instauradas en mayo de 2004, son seleccionados para representar a su escuela en base a sus logros académicos.

Ser Portador del Estandarte Universitario, es el mayor honor que se otorga durante la ceremonia de graduación a un estudiante que ha sido elegido por su desempeño académico, liderazgo y participación en el campus. El galardonado sigue al Grand Marshal, guía a los estandartes de las facultades durante la ceremonia y es el segundo en recibir el diploma en la facultad que le

corresponde.

En la segunda fase de la procesión ceremonial, los estudiantes de licenciatura y de posgrado que fueron designados como **Marshals** guían a sus compañeros graduandos y son los primeros en recibir el diploma de su facultad.

Los Portadores del Estandarte de la Facultad llevan el que representa a su escuela, sirven de guía para los graduandos de la misma en la segunda fase de la ceremonia y son los segundos en recibir el diploma de su facultad, a excepción de la representada por el **Portador del Estandarte Universitario**.

MEDALLÓN DE LA GENERACIÓN

El primer Medallón de la Generación fue ideado con el fin de conmemorar la Ceremonia de Graduación del Centenario de UTEP en mayo de 1998 en el Estadio Sun Bowl. La ceremonia contó con la presencia del Honorable George W. Bush en ese entonces, Gobernador de Texas.

Debido a la popularidad del medallón, los funcionarios universitarios decidieron crear uno para cada generación a partir del nuevo milenio. La recaudación de la venta de estos medallones se destina al Fondo de Becas del Medallón, que garantiza oportunidades a los futuros estudiantes.

Los medallones, ahora en su doceavo año, se han convertido en toda una tradición y en parte de las decoraciones, insignias y trajes que los graduados portan en las ceremonias de graduación.

PREVIOUS COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

May 16, 2009

Dr. Diana Natalicio

*President, The University of Texas at El Paso
officiating morning, afternoon and
evening ceremonies*

December 13, 2008

Dr. Richard Jarvis

*Provost, The University of Texas at El Paso
officiating morning ceremony*

December 13, 2008

Dr. Diana Natalicio

*President, The University of Texas at El Paso
officiating afternoon and evening ceremonies*

May 10, 2008

Antonia Hernández

*President and CEO
California Community Foundation*

December 15, 2007

Henry A. de La Garza

*Chairman and CEO
de La Garza Public Relations*

May 12, 2007

The Honorable Shana Dale

Deputy Administrator, NASA

December 9, 2006

Brian J. Haley

*The University of Texas System
Student Regent*

May 13, 2006

Gilberto Perez

President of U.S. Operations, CEMEX

December 10, 2005

John Brooks Slaughter

*President and CEO
National Action Council for Minorities
in Engineering Inc.*

May 7, 2005

Steffen E. "Steve" Palko

President, XTO Energy Inc.

December 11, 2004

The Honorable Carlos de Icaza
*Ambassador of Mexico to the
United States*

May 8, 2004

Bob Malone

Chief Executive, BP Shipping Limited

December 13, 2003

Robert Wingo

*President and CEO
SWG&M Advertising*

May 10, 2003

The Honorable Antonio O. Garza Jr.
U.S. Ambassador to Mexico

December 14, 2002

Dr. Rita R. Colwell

Director, National Science Foundation

May 11, 2002

Dr. Irving Wladawsky-Berger

*Vice President of Technology and
Strategy, IBM*

December 15, 2001

Dr. Bonnie Dunbar

*Astronaut and Assistant Director
NASA Johnson Space Center*

May 12, 2001

The Honorable Henry Cuellar

Texas Secretary of State

December 16, 2000

John Daniel Olivas

NASA Astronaut

May 13, 2000

Sara Martinez Tucker

*President and CEO
Hispanic Scholarship Fund*

December 18, 1999
The Honorable Richard W. Riley
U.S. Secretary of Education

May 15, 1999
The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard
U.S. Representative
33rd Congressional District, California

December 19, 1998
David Satcher
U.S. Surgeon General

May 15, 1998
The Honorable George W. Bush
Texas Governor

December 20, 1997
AM
Adair Margo
Member, Texas Higher Education
Coordinating Board

PM
Carlos Villa
Member, Texas Higher Education
Coordinating Board

May 17, 1997
The Honorable Silvestre Reyes
U.S. Representative
16th Congressional District, Texas

December 21, 1996
C. Paul Robinson
President, Sandia Laboratories

May 18, 1996
AM
The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
United States Senator, Texas

PM
Dr. France Cordova
Chief Scientist, NASA

December 16, 1995
Dr. Felix Gutierrez
Vice President and Executive Director,
The Freedom Forum, Pacific Coast
Center

May 12, 1995
The Honorable James R. Jones
U.S. Ambassador to Mexico

December 16, 1994
Mario E. Ramirez, M.D.
The University of Texas System Regent
El Gran Paseño Award Recipient

May 13, 1994
The Honorable Ronald Kirk
Texas Secretary of State

December 17, 1993
Carol Bellamy
Director, U.S. Peace Corps

May 15, 1993
Dr. Luther S. Williams
Assistant Director for Education and
Human Resources,
National Science Foundation

December 18, 1992
Dr. Herminio Blanco
Chief Negotiator of the Free Trade
Agreement for Mexico,
Undersecretary of Foreign Trade

May 15, 1992
Maestro Abraham Chavez Jr.
Commencement Performance

December 13, 1991
Ellen C. Temple
The University of Texas System Regent

May 11, 1991
The Honorable Dan Morales
Texas Attorney General

December 14, 1990
Dr. John D. Negroponte
U.S. Ambassador to Mexico

May 12, 1990
Sam Donaldson
ABC News Journalist

December 15, 1989

Allen Born

*Chairman, CEO and President of
AMAX Inc.*

May 13, 1989

The Honorable Jaime Oaxaca

*Corporate Vice President,
Northrop Corp.*

December 16, 1988

The Honorable Katherine D. Ortega

U.S. Treasurer

May 14, 1988

The Honorable William Sessions

*Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation*

December 18, 1987

Daniel W. Foster, M.D.

*Outstanding Ex-Student 1987
Professor of Internal Medicine
UT-Dallas-Health Science Center*

May 17, 1987

The Honorable George H. W. Bush

Vice President of the United States

December 19, 1986

Bobby Ray Inman

*CEO, Microelectronics and Computer
Technology Corp.*

May 17, 1986

The Honorable Wilhelmina R. Delco

*Chair, Texas House Committee on
Higher Education*

December 20, 1985

Helen Houser Popovich

President, Florida Atlantic University

May 11, 1985

Wilson H. Elkins

*President Emeritus
University of Maryland*

December 21, 1984

Dr. Hans Mark

*Chancellor
The University of Texas System*

May 12, 1984

Rudy Tellez

President, Telco Productions Inc.

December 18, 1983

Dr. Gerald W. Thomas

President, New Mexico State University

May 14, 1983

Major General James P. Maloney

*Commanding General, U.S. Army Air
Defense Center and Fort Bliss*

December 19, 1982

The Honorable Wallace E. Snelson

Texas Senator

COMMITTEE ON COMMENCEMENT

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Yvonne Carranza	College of Liberal Arts
Olympia Caudillo.....	Graduate School
Richard Daniel	Alumni Relations Office
Holly Denney	Veterans Affairs
Ofelia Dominguez.....	Union Office
Gary Edens.....	Student Affairs
Hector Flores.....	Disabled Student Services
Charles Gibbens.....	Miner Village
Pete Hensgen.....	University Police
James H. Holcomb.....	Economics and Finance, Chair
Beto Lopez.....	University Relations
Catie McCorry-Andalis	Student Affairs
Lisa Moten	Facilities Services
Jorge A. Munoz Mendieta.....	Student Government Association
Alex Muñoz	Food Services
Annabelle Padilla	University Bookstore
Miguel Sifuentes	Registration and Records Office
Mike Spence	Don Haskins Center
Craig Thompson	Career Services

